

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-17, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 38 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification is amended. No new matter is added.

As set forth in MPEP § 714.16, to obtain entry of an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, the following should be demonstrated:

- (A) why the amendment is needed;
- (B) why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination;
- (C) why the claims are patentable; and
- (D) why they were not presented earlier.

The amendments to the specification are made to correct an error in a citation to a reference. The error would be immediately apparent upon viewing the reference. No claims are amended. The amendment was not presented earlier, because of the pendency of an appeal.

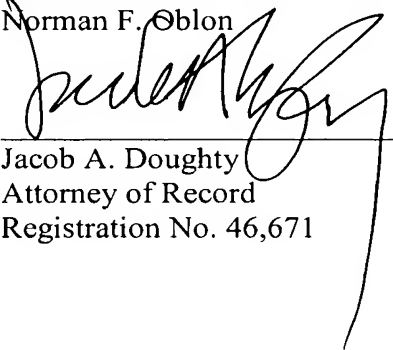
Application No. 10/524,047
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that application will remain in condition for allowance upon entry of the amendments. Entry of the amendments is, thus, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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